

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1 after the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" with the following amended paragraph:

This is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/886,207 filed June 22, 2001, ~~allowed~~ now U.S. Patent 6,753,459. United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/886,207 is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/CA99/01223, having an international filing date of December 22, 1999, and which claims priority of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/113,546, filed December 22, 1998, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at page 37, lines 1 to 5 with the following amended paragraph:

KpnI

XbaI PstI

pr8349 5'-AAAATCTAGACTGCAGGTACCGCACTCGGTGGAGATTG^{3'}
(SEQ ID NO: 1)

BamHI

pr7495 5'-AAAAGGATCCCACAGCGTGTGCCTAAATAGGATTGCT-^{3'}
(SEQ ID NO: 2).

Please replace the paragraph at page 40, commencing on line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

XbaI NcoI

pr10109 5'-AAAATCTAGAGTCCATGGTGGCCATTACCTCG-^{3'} (SEQ ID NO: 3).

BamHI

pr7495 ^{5'}-AAAAGGATCCCACAGCGTGTGCCTAAATAGGATTGCT-^{3'}

(SEQ ID NO: 2).

Concerning the sequence listing

Please replace the paper copy of the sequence listing of record with the new paper copy submitted herewith. A substitute copy of the sequence listing in computer-readable form is also enclosed.